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Interest in Utah Corporate Expansion Remains High *Industry Leading Companies continue to be attracted to Utah workforce*

Salt Lake City - Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) Business Development Board met today and approved Economic Development Tax Increment Financing (EDTIF) incentives for several industry leading companies. Among them Cementation USA Inc., a leading mine contracting and engineering company, was offered an EDTIF incentive of \$3.317 million. EDTIF incentives are a post performance incentive based on a tax credit of a portion of new state tax revenue collected from payroll, sales and corporate income taxes previously paid.

Cementation USA Inc. plans on an investment of over \$5.5 million to purchase mining equipment locally and for establishing a new US Corporate Headquarters for Underground Mine Contracting and Engineering. The company plans to hire 422 New Full-time Employees within the next 10 year period at an average salary of 200% of the Salt Lake county median wage of \$32,828. Over the 10 year period, the company will be paying new state wages of \$130.2 million. New State tax revenue is expected to exceed \$16.5 million during the same period.

Mike Nadon, president of Cementation U.S.A. said "We are very appreciative of the GOED's recognition and support of our company's interest in locating in the state of Utah. Cementation is very proud to be playing an important role in servicing the U.S. mining industry and we recognize Salt Lake as an excellent and inviting location to establish our head offices because it is a key mining center. Even more importantly we see the city and surrounding communities as a hospitable and attractive environment for our employees and their families. In keeping with our corporate philosophy we plan on being not just a member but an active supporter of the local community."

"Mining and energy production in Utah form a significant part of our economic heritage. We are delighted that Cementation has decided to locate their US headquarters in Utah," Governor Jon

Huntsman said. "As a leader in the mining industry they will be joining with the many Utah companies that are at the forefront of the energy production in the country."

Cementation is a Mine Contracting and Engineering organization that is recognized as the most active shaft-sinking contractor in North America and employs the latest in mine development equipment. The company is comprised of a full service engineering staff offering expertise in all facets of mining, along with the support disciplines of mechanical, electrical, civil, and structural design for mine plants.

Cementation U.S.A. is currently in the initial phases of three significant projects in the United States. These are at the Rio Tinto Resolution Copper Mine in Superior Arizona, the Hecla Lucky Friday Mine in Mullan Idaho, and the Kennecott Eagle project in Marquette, Michigan. With the continued strength in metal prices, new mine developments are foreseen in the western U.S., including potential projects and mine expansions in the state of Utah.

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About the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development

The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) charter is based on Governor Huntsman's commitment to economic development statewide. The mandate for this office is to provide rich business resources for the creation, growth and recruitment of companies to Utah and to increase tourism and film production in the state. GOED accomplishes this mission through the administration of programs that are based around industries or "economic clusters" that demonstrate the best potential for development. GOED utilizes state resources and private sector contracts to fulfill its mission.